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CRP Extension and Re- enrollment

The deadline to extend or re-enroll CRP contracts expiring in September of 2008, 2009, and 2010 is **June 30, 2006**. Landowners can show their intent to re-enroll or extend CRP contracts by filling out a FSA-409 form and paying a measurement fee of \$45.00 plus one dollar per acre on the contract. CRP participants who do not fill out the form and pay the measurement fee by the June 30, 2006 deadline will not be enrolled in CRP once their contract expires.

ACREAGE CERTIFICATION

The deadline to certify is **June 30, 2006**. Producers participating in the Direct and Counter-Cyclical Program, applying for Commodity Loans, Loan Deficiency Payments, filing NAP applications, earning CRP payments, or any other FSA program are required to file a timely and accurate acreage report. To avoid late file fees and potential contract termination, acreage reports must be completed by June 30, 2006. Please call the office and schedule an appointment to file this year's acreage report.

FARM LOANS AVAILABLE

Loan applications are being accepted for farm operating and ownership purposes from those having difficulty obtaining credit through private lenders. Operating loans include annual operating expenses, farm equipment and livestock purchases, and refinancing related debt. Ownership loans include the purchase or enlargement of a farm, or the construction and/or repair of buildings. A minimum qualification for farm ownership loans is 3 years involvement in the business operations of a farm. Loan guarantees are available to lenders where FSA provides up to a 90% guarantee of loss on the principal of a farm loan. The loan purposes are similar to direct loans, except refinancing real estate debt is also eligible.

FSA provides direct and guarantee loan assistance for beginning farmers as well. An applicant is considered a beginning farmer if they have not operated a farm for more than 10 years. Youth loans are available for 4-H and FFA members' ages 10 through 20 who want to start any income producing enterprise recommended by their leader. For further information, please contact the farm loan staff in Pendleton at (541) 278-8049.

Farm Business "Start-Up Basics" Web Seminars in Video

FSA launched a new web-based seminar series called "Start-up Basics," designed to help beginning farmers understand how to develop a farm business plan in order to obtain financing of their operation.

The short, three minute video series walks you through the steps of obtaining financing from a lender. To see the video, go to: <http://www.fsa.usda.gov/wi/lending/>

COUNTY COMMITTEE NOMINATIONS

The FSA committee that serves Gilliam/Wheeler Counties is seeking nominations for one position representing South Gilliam County. The County Committee (COC) gives producers a much needed say in how federal actions affect their communities and individual operations. The members on the COC are nominated and elected by local producers who are eligible to participate in FSA programs. To learn more about the county committee and/or obtain a Nominating Petition, please contact the office.

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